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7   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

8   NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11   TRADIN ORGANICS USA LLC,   Case No. 24-cv-06087-NC

            Plaintiff,
12   **ORDER FOR PLAINTIFF TO
                                             SHOW CAUSE ESTABLISHING
       v.   DIVERSITY JURISDICTION**
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14   THE OCEAN BAZAR LLC, et al.,   Re: ECF 1

            Defendants.
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17   Plaintiff Tradin Organics USA LLC filed a complaint against Defendants The

18   Ocean Bazar LLC and SAF USA Co. on August 28, 2024. ECF 1. The complaint alleges

19   common law claims arising out of alleged contracts between Plaintiff and each Defendant.

20   Because federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction, a plaintiff must adequately

21   allege that a court has subject matter jurisdiction to hear their case. To do so, a complaint

22   must meet the requirements for either (1) federal question jurisdiction or (2) diversity

23   jurisdiction. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332. Diversity jurisdiction requires that parties are

24   citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds $75,000. 28 U.S.C. §

25   1332(a). For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, "a corporation is a citizen only of (1) the

26   state where its principal place of business is located, and (2) the state in which it is

27   incorporated." *Johnson v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP*, 437 F.3d 894, 899; 28 U.S.C.

28   § 1332(c)(1). In contrast, "an LLC is a citizen of every state of which its owners/members

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1   are citizens." *Id.*

2   Here, the complaint alleges subject matter jurisdiction based on diversity, and

3   alleges the state of incorporation and principal place of business for each party. ECF 1 ¶¶

4   1, 3, 5, 8. However, Tradin and Ocean Bazar are both LLCs, whose citizenship depends

5   on that of each of its members. Because the complaint does not include information on the

6   citizenship of each LLC's members, Plaintiff is ordered to show cause in writing by

7   September 26, 2024, providing sufficient information to establish diversity jurisdiction.

8   **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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10   Dated: August 29, 2024   _____

11   NATHANAEL M. COUSINS
     United States Magistrate Judge

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